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ACTION

REF

1. SUMMARY. DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW THE PN ACCOMPLISHED A NUMBER OF OBJECTIVES, ENGAGED IN A VARIETY OF POLITICAL ACTIONS, FEDERATED WITH OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES AND BEGAN STRUCTURING ITSELF FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS. THE PN CONTINUED TO HIT HARD, IN ACTIONS AND PROPAGANDA, AT THE GOVERNMENT. THE PARTY'S RELATIONS WITH THE PDC ARE STILL NOT CLOSE, NOR DO THE TWO PARTIES COORDINATE ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS. WHILE THE PARTY IS NOW TRYING TO ORGANIZE ITSELF FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS, IT IS NOT EASY FOR THE PARTY, GIVEN ITS COMPOSITION, TO MODERNIZE AND STREAMLINE ITSELF QUICKLY OR SUBSTANTIVELY. [REDACTED]

2. THE PN ESTABLISHED A 12-MAN FULL-TIME PROPAGANDA UNIT AND INSTALLED THEM IN A SEPARATE BUILDING IN SANTIAGO TO PRODUCE AND DISSEMINATE PARTY PROPAGANDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES SET BY THE PARTY. THE PARTY HAS FURTHERED ITS SOCIAL ACTION SECTION BY CONTRACTING WITH TWO DOCTORS TO VISIT THE SLUMS, HAS HELD A TRAINING COURSE FOR PARTY ACTIVISTS, ANOTHER COURSE FOR

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ARTISANS IN THE CENTROS DE MADRES, AND LEADERSHIP COURSES FOR SLUM DWELLERS. THEY HAVE ORGANIZED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS IN SANTIAGO, CENTROS DE PADRES Y APODERADOS IN THE POORER AREAS, FORMED SPORTS CLUBS, AND PROVIDED FREE LEGAL COUNCIL. THEY HAVE PROVIDED FUNDS TO A NATION-WIDE AGRICULTURAL WORKERS ORGANIZATION, (PROVINCIA AGRARIAS UNIDAS (PAU)) THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT, RAUL ORREGO ESCANILLA, AND HAVE WORKED OUT WITH ORREGO A SPECIFIC PLAN OF ACTION INVOLVING TRAINING, A TWO-DAY "SIT-IN," AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUMBER OF FULL-TIME ACTIVISTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO STRENGTHEN THE ORGANIZATION. THE PARTY ALSO HAS A FISCAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CONFEDERATION OF FARMERS OF SMALL AND MIDDLE-SIZED FARMS THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT HERNAN PINOCHET. BOTH OF THESE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL UNICA CAMPESINA (CORREGO IS SECRETARY FOR FINANCES AND PINOCHET IS ONE OF THE DIRECTORS OF CUC). ON 3-5 AUGUST THE PARTY HELD A THREE-DAY "ENCUENTRO" IN VALPARAISO TO CONSIDER ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AND ANOTHER ONE-DAY CONCLAVE OUTSIDE SANTIAGO ON 26 AUGUST TO CONSIDER POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

3. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, THE PARTY MADE A LAST MINUTE AGREEMENT WITH THE PDC, THE PIR AND THE PDR TO FEDERATE FOR THE UPCOMING MARCH ELECTIONS. DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW THE PN PARTICIPATED IN THE COQUIMBO ELECTIONS, NEGOTIATED WITH THE PDC ON THE FECH (SANTIAGO ~~SECRET~~) AND IS STILL TRYING TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PDC ON THE UPCOMING FECH ELECTIONS. THE PARTY TAKES CREDIT FOR THE SUCCESSFUL IMPEACHMENT OF MINISTER OF INTERIOR DEL CANTO. THE PARTY HAS NEGOTIATED WITH THE PDC FOR SEVERAL MONTHS ON THE QUESTION OF ATTEMPTING TO IMPEACH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE CHONCHOL AND FINALLY LAUNCHED THE IMPEACHMENT EFFORT IN CONGRESS IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE THE PDC TO DECLARE ITSELF. THE PARTY HAS LED THE OPPOSITION'S ATTACKS.

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ON THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED SUPPLY AND PRICE COUNCILS (JAPS) AND THE TAKE-OVER OF THE GAS COMPANY. [REDACTED]

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IN ADDITION, THE RADIO CONTINUES ITS STRONG ATTACKS ON THE GOVERNMENT, DRAMATIZING EVERY ERROR, FAULT, OR WEAKNESS. THE PARTY'S PARAMILITARY ARM, ROLANDO MATOS, CONTINUES TO GROW AND TO RECEIVE TRAINING FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE USE. WHEN THE MIRISTAS OCCUPIED A PORTION OF LAS CONDES IN THE WEALTHY BARRIO ALTO, THE PN THROUGH ITS ROLANDO MATOS UNITS AND WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS WHICH IT HELPED TO CREATE (PRESIDED OVER BY BENJAMIN DAVID AND ASSISTED BY BOXER GONZALO UGARTE) QUICKLY OUSTED THEM FROM THE AREA.

4. THE PARTY HAS NOW BEGUN TO POSTURE ITSELF FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS. IT HAS DONE SOME ELECTORAL PROJECTIONS, IS NOW RUNNING A TEST EFFORT ON REGISTRATION IN THE THIRD DISTRICT OF SANTIAGO, HAS ASKED ITS CANDIDATES TO BEGIN PREPARING PROPAGANDA MATERIALS FOR THE CAMPAIGN AND IS REVIEWING THE CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS THAT EXIST BETWEEN RADIO AGRICULTURA AND PROVINCIAL RADIO STATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE PARTY WILL HAVE ADEQUATE ACCESS TO RADIO TIME.

5. THE PARTY HAS CLEARLY TAKEN SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW. HOWEVER, MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO SHAPE UP THE PARTY ORGANIZATIONALLY FOR THE ELECTIONS. CANDIDATES TEND TO GO THEIR OWN WAYS WITHOUT CENTRALIZED DIRECTION [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THERE ARE NO CLEAR-CUT FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

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